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SUBJECT: PNC CHAIRMAN TO NORTH KOREA; PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRADE-ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO PRC AND NORTH KOREA

REF: GEORGETOWN 1541

1. JOURNALIST SOURCE PREVIOUSLY RELIABLE TOLD PAO THAT CHAIRMAN OF RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) CAMMIE RAMSAROOP AND REGIONAL MINISTER ABDUL SALIM HAVE DEPARTED FOR PYONGYANG WHERE THEY WILL QUOTE CONFER WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS ON PARTY MATTERS UNQUOTE. THOUGH SOURCE DID NOT SO STATE, WE SPECULATE THAT VISIT COULD BE IN RECIPROCALITY FOR NORTH KOREAN COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION'S ATTENDANCE AT PNC BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN AUGUST (SEE GEORGETOWN A-98). THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OR PRESS MENTION OF THIS TRIP.

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2. SOURCE ALSO TOLD PAO THAT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE

HAS ISSUED NEW DIRECTIVE TO PRESS AND RADIO THAT NO RPT NO TRAVEL BY PNC OR GOVT OFFICIALS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC NEWS RELEASE FROM MINISTRY. ORAL REASON REPORT- EDLY GIVEN BY MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WAS THAT SUCH TRAVEL WILL BE INCREASING AND GOG WANTS TO AVERT CRITICISM FROM GUYANESE AND OTHERS WHO ARE CONCERNED OVER IMPLICATIONS OF FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS GIVENPNC PUBLIC GOAL OF TRANSFORM- ING GUYANA INTO MARXIST-LENINIST STATE.

3. ASIDE FROM PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED VISITS OF CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHERS TO CUBA (GEORGETOWN 1636), JOURNALIST SOURCE TOLD PAO THAT EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF COMBINED MINISTRY NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND OFFICE OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF PNC IS NOW IN HAVANA ON UNPUBLICIZED VISIT CONNECTED WITH PARTY BUSINESS.

4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FINALLY MADE OCTOBER 6 OF TRADE-ECONOMIC DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION GEORGE KING TO PRC AND NORTH KOREA (SEE REFTEL). DELEGATION NOW EXPANDED TO 15 PEOPLE BUT ESSENTIALLY SAME AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. ASIDE FROM KING, OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATIN WHO HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY AND WHO HENCE MIGHT BE USEFUL CONTACTS OF USLO PEKING OR CONGEN HONG KONG ARE FRANK NTUL, PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION; NVEILLE LEWIS, GENERAL MANAGER BOOKERS HARDWARE; AND HERMAN SINGH, POLITICAL REPORTER FOR GOVT-OWNED PRESS, WHO WILL BE PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER OF DELEGATION. IN ADDITION TO PURPOSES LISTED REFTEL, GROUP WILL ATTEND CANTON FAIR.

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